TRINITY TIMES

We exist to share the love of God, now & forever.

Deep Time is an emerging United Methodist ministry that invites those who are impacted by incarceration communities into of worship, employment, and Rev. Dustin belonging. Mailman has invited our congregation, and the leadership our of



congregation, into a season of discernment pertaining to Trinity United Methodist Church becoming an Anchor Church for Deep Time. The function of an Anchor Church is to pray, support, and offer space for emerging congregations. At Trinity, this will mostly look like our congregation sharing physical space within the Church, and sharing the time that is expected of me week-toweek.

The myth that incarceration tells us is that "hard time," time in prison, is rehabilitative. Deep Time believes that God invites us into rehabilitation through "deep time." Deep Time is the phrase mystics use to describe Kairos moments: moments where a radical encounter with the living Christ makes hours seem like seconds and seconds seem like hours, creating beloved community. By leaning into the intersection of Christian Community, Social Enterprise, and Community Development, we are inviting those who are most disinherited in our community to enter into Deep Time.

The initial goal is to launch a coffee roasting social enterprise that will hire two persons who were formerly incarcerated, and additionally launching a network of Fresh Expressions Communities. Pastor Dustin is pursuing this with the blessing of the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC, the Blue Ridge District of the WNCCUMC, and numerous other communities in Asheville.

On **Sun., Apr. 30**, there will be space made for conversation, questions, and presentation about what a potential future with Deep Time might look like with Trinity United Methodist as the anchor church. The hope for this time is that we can faithfully wrestle, dream, and pray for what our future may look like. Grace and Gratitude, Pastor Dustin.

50 DAYS OF EASTER CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

- Every Tuesday Bible Study, 7:45AM, Izzy's Coffee Shop, 976 Haywood Road
- **Confirmation Classes** continue! Please be in prayer for our confirmands.
- Sat., Apr. 22, 9AM, Haywood Road Clean-up (meet at New Belgium, register at AshevilleGreenWorks.org)
- Thu., Apr. 27, 8PM, Nolan Anthony's Senior Piano Recital Furman Univ's Daniel Recital (not the Chapel). Van or Carpool leaves Trinity at 5PM, dinner at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Traveler's Rest on our way there, and home around 10PM.
- Sat., Apr. 29, IIAM 5PM, 20th Anniversary Peace Garden Party & Spring Fling just a few blocks away from Trinity!
- 5th Sunday Apr. 30,
 - **9:45AM** Sunday School Forum for Deep Time.
 - I0:45AM Guest Preacher, the Rev. Michael Hayes, Umoja Founder
 - I2:15PM Sunday Trinity Table Celebration in the Fellowship Hall of Lee Thomas.
- Weds, May 3 & 17, IIAM Book Group resumes, in the Library
- Wed., May 10, 6PM Trinity Table Cinco de Mayo x 2!
- Sun. May 28, 10:45AM 1:30PM Pentecost Celebration & Confirmation - wear red and stay for lunch!
- Sun., June 4, 10:45AM Trinity Sunday!

<u>Community</u> ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

ON GOING RED WAGON

We also continue to collect items for those in need: PopTarts, cracker packs - cheese or peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, Vienna sausages, ready to eat tuna, granola bars, boxes, cereal, instant grits.



MANNA FOOD DISTRIBTUTION

Manna Food Distribution has a **new location** (Asheville First Church of the Nazarene, 385 Hazel Mill

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Rd, Asheville, NC 28806). For now, the volunteer times are the same as the former Emma UMC



site. Dates are Mondays, May I, Jun. 5, Jul. 3, Aug. 7, Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, & Dec. 4

Volunteers needed during these times:

- I-3PM, Volunteer shift I - Market Setup

- 3-5PM, Volunteer shift 2 - Market



WINTER SHELTER END OF SEASON UPDATE

Safe Shelter Asheville Presbyterian Church for winter shelter this past season

provided stability for the guests and volunteers who built community there. We could not have done it without your support or prayer and resources. Many thanks for your witness of love and light offered to our neighbors!

DISCIPLESHIP & FORMATION

ADULTS DISCIPLESHIP

9:45AM options:

- Koinonia Class 1st floor across from Fellowship Hall entrance, led by Mrs. Charlotte Clodfelter
- Mary Mann/ Faith Class Library, on the Sanctuary level, across hallway from Sanctuary.

TRINITY TABLE

Trinity Table is an opportunity to share and encounter the love of God through food, fellowship, and connection with our community twice a month. Two committees have been formed to coordinate these meals. The Food Committee consists of Dustin Mailman, Laszlo and Laurie Bujdoso, and Matt, Ruby, and Everett Leggat. The Setup/Cleanup Committee includes Melanie Robertson, Ellen Mitchell and Ruth Gaddy. If you would like to join either of these committees or work a specific date, please contact Laurie Bujdoso (828) 301-9891. If you are planning on coming by for a meal, please be sure to make a reservation through the Church Office or use the hyperlink to the Realm app provided below.

Please save the following dates for the next Trinity Tables:

Sun., Apr. 30

12:15 PM

Celebrating Staff Member, Lee Thomas. Bring cards and appreciations for Lee's birthday and 20th anniversary year at TUMC! The menu will be pasta, salad, bread, and dessert.

https://tinyurl.com/wep5994d

Wed., May 10

6:00 PM

Cinco De Mayo Times Two https://tinyurl.com/yx5azwua

Sun., May 28

Pentecost & Confirmation Class Celebration Menu to be announced at a later time.

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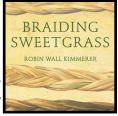
We look forward to breaking bread together! Suggested donation for meals: \$7/adults, 3/child, \$20 max/family. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Please RSVP by calling the office, sending an email, or, ideally, using the REALM app! Lee Thomas can help you set this up if you haven't already.

TUESDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

We're currently reading through one Psalm per week and reflection time with the pastors at Izzy's Coffeehouse, 975 Haywood Rd. - **7:45AM**.

BOOK GROUP

Our next read is <u>Braiding</u> <u>Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,</u> <u>Scientific Knowledge and the</u> <u>Teachings of Plants</u> by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We begin this book, reading a chapter per session, beginning **May 3, IIAM**, Library.



DEMENTIA PARTNERS

Dementia Partners: a support group led by Vernon & Joyce Robinson at Scenic View Terrace Clubhouse at 60 Fallen Spruce Dr, Asheville, NC 28806. Every month, they meet the first and third Thursdays at 6PM. One can attend one or both meetings.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - MAY 28

United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church.

On this Sunday, they, and we all will remember our baptism, affirming our vows made then, joining alongside our confirmands, and reaffirming our faith and pledge to support God and our Church Family by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Channing, Jovi, Veda, Christopher, Everett - Please be in prayer for them and their families as they get closer to Pentecost Sunday!

CAMP TEKOA

Is your family interested in going to camp this summer at **Camp Tekoa**? Registration is open at

12:15 PM

www.camptekoa.org. Contact Reverend Nancy if you need assistance with scholarships or coordinating families attending the same week. Learn more at camptekoa.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Joint Vacation Bible School and Youth Week will be July 17-21. Youth volunteers are needed from 8:45-12:00 each morning for VBS. Then in the afternoons, youth will participate in a variety of mission and fellowship opportunities



around town. Contact Anna Broome (albroome04@gmail.com) for more information. Registration is up running https:// and at tinyurl.com/2m75tk2e.

MISSIONS

BURTON STREET COMMUNITY

Visit our neighbors over on Burton Street at the Peace Gardens for their 20th anniversary Spring Fling on **Sat. Apr. 29** from **IIAM - 5PM**. It is a day filled with live music, local vendors, food trucks, ice cream and **PLANTS**!

LITTLE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Summer is around the corner, and our Little Library needs your help! It is really being used well...which means it is in need of constant donations! If you have any children's books, please feel free to donate at your convenience! It's empty because it's been very successful! Let's keep filling it up!



MUSIC MINISTRY

2023 CONCERT SERIES



Our next scheduled concert for our Trinity Concert Series is Sun., July 2 at 3PM - Patriotic Stan Kenton Jazz Concert, Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our first concert—Berea College Bluegrass Ensemble. We hope they will want to keep us on future tours. Also, thanks to Kari Richmond and Patty Sands for being a part of the the planning team for this exciting ministry. If you would like to get involved, please see Lee Thomas, Director of Music.

TRINITY VOCAL ENSEMBLE

COVID affected our lives in many ways. This is also true for our music program at Trinity. I have heard comments like when is the choir returning? We have returned—it is just under a new name and format - the **Trinity Vocal Ensemble**! We have a shorter practice (30 minutes) most **every Sunday** from **9:45** - **10:15 AM** in the new choir room on the third floor. With this new format, we are only singing one Sunday a month. So there is still time to join before Pentecost. Please speak with Lee Thomas so he has music available for you.

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



A LETTER FROM TRINITY UNITED METHODIST & PASTOR

Dear Trinity UMC

Family & Friends,

14 Apr. 2023

One year ago, in Apr. 2022 the Trinity Leadership Council engaged in conversations with Mark King, the Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services for the Western North Carolina Conference, seeking his guidance and help with reviewing Trinity's financial system. The TLC contracted with Covenant Accounting Management, LLC, a wholly owned small business set up by Mark King that specializes in church finance and accounting.

During the past year, under this contract, Mark has shared his experience and made recommendations regarding Trinity's financial policies, procedures and has provided various checklists to help with ongoing administration. In addition, he reviewed the chart of accounts in the Realm accounting system and developed monthly closing procedures in line with the system recommendations. Mark was given access to all of our current software and accounts, and he performed a complete review of our records for the past two years and completed a reconciliation and cleanup of our financial system with accounts that over the years had become spread over multiple banks and other financial institutions. Inactive accounts were closed and some accounts were combined to streamline our financial management process. Restricted funds were moved from simple savings or money market accounts at local banks and credit unions over to individual investment accounts at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina.

Last month we completed the cleanup and reconciliation of all accounts and have mapped all restricted and non-restricted accounts to ensure that our books are balanced. This activity required us to transfer funds between some accounts to reflect, for example payments that in the past were made from our General Fund that should have been paid from some of the restricted funds. Available at the church on the table by the elevator or in the Narthex, you will find the Year End 2022 Statement of Activities and Financial Positions Summary. We are still finalizing our 2023 Budget (discussed and pending approval at the Apr. TLC meeting) but we expect to see a deficit of approximately -\$40,000 as compared to the -\$43,000 deficit we experienced last year. While the TLC and staff already try to avoid using the full amount of all budgeted items, a deficit in 2023 will mean that we are not able to fully fund many items such as VBS, our Upper Room subscription, youth events, curriculum, lawn maintenance, cleaning services, and our Nursery. Your continued faithful giving makes it possible for us to continue in ministry alongside you and our community. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Peace be with you,

Raylo Bujdoro

Laszlo Bujdoso, TLC Chair

Catherine W Ducham.

Cathi Durham, Finance Chair

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The Rev. Nancy Dixon Walton, Pastor

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Our Strategic Planning Team met **Sat., Feb. 25, and Sat., Mar. 18.** During these sessions, we clarified our strategy for the remainder of 2023.

As we continue to finalize our Strategic Plan for 2023, we need to make sure there is agreement on the wording we will use to communicate our Vision, Values, Mission, and Objectives. These statements talk about who we are, how we behave and what we will be doing.

Some of these statements and ideas have evolved from previous statements used by Trinity, while other statements are new ideas stemming from the Strategic Planning team discussions.

The Vision statement has been around for several years, but it is being amended to add, "as disciples of Jesus Christ, where actions speak louder than words." The Values statement was created about one year ago, and it is being amended to include the word "respectful". As one of our team members noted, "inclusion of "actions speak louder than words' and "respectful" make it more powerful and descriptive of the way we try to live as Christians, and what we expect in our dealings with others."

Trinity's Mission recognizes a responsibility to provide a comprehensive program in support of ministries for the Nurture, Outreach, Worship, and Stewardship of Resources as interpreted from the United Methodist Book of Disciplines ¶ 244. These four pillars serve as the catalyst for implementing our plans. Nurture: Caring for and engaging with our church family; Outreach: Providing compassionate service to local, regional, and global communities; Worship: Developing, strengthening and sharing our Christian experience and faith; and Stewardship: Ensuring the health and sustainability of our church resources (people, building, finances).

And finally, the Objectives are intended as guard rails to help keep us on track and guide us in our decision making when we review and approve action plans, programs, and initiatives in the coming year. These objectives are to focus on Church Growth; Connecting; Worship Experiences; and Serving.

Please let your leadership team know if there are any questions or concerns about any of these statements. We hope to start communicating these ideas more widely in the near future. Laszlo Bujdoso

Vision:

"Trinity is a place to belong, a community that serves, growing in God's abundant grace, as disciples of Jesus Christ, where actions speak louder than words."

Values:

We exist to share the love of God, now and forever. We behave as team members, who are respectful, generous, and brave.

We build community by providing safe (brave) spaces and opportunities for everyone to gather, engage and serve.

Mission:

We will support the ministries of the church; to Nurture and care for each other, to provide Outreach opportunities to serve others, to participate in Worship experiences, and take responsibility for the Stewardship of Resources entrusted to us.

Objectives:

Our focus initiatives are on Growth; Connecting with others; providing meaningful, enlightening, and spiritual Worship experiences; and taking actions to Serve our church family, local neighborhood and community.

NEXT TLC MEETING

TLC next meets on Tue., Apr. 25, 6PM in the library and via Zoom. Please let Lee or Nancy know if

you need the Zoom link emailed to you. Agenda includes current financial reports and approving our 2023 budget, discussion & vote on becoming a Lighthouse Congregation, updates from our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), Imagine Hub & Deep Time work with the WNCC Conference, our Strategic Planning team's work, calendar consideration through the summer including VBS/ Youth Week, and our upcoming Annual Conference meetings in May and June.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

This year our Trinity family is celebrating each of our wonderful staff during their birthday months, and while we sang Happy Birthday to Lee Thomas during his actual birthday month of March, we are going to REALLY celebrate him in April for his birthday and for his 20th anniversary year at Trinity UMC! Lee serves Trinity in so many ways: as our Office Administrator, he runs the office, publishes the bulletin and newsletters, manages the financial reports and does a myriad of tasks that go unseen and maybe taken for granted; and he serves as our Music Director, leading our music during Worship, directing our Choral Ensemble and Hand Bell Choir, planning special music events, and treating us to his beautiful voice lifted in song! So please join us in letting Lee know how much we appreciate him as we celebrate his gifts at our Trinity Table meal on April 30 after Worship. There will be a basket where you can put cards, gifts, notes of appreciation or shared memories, etc. We look forward to sharing this joyous event with you!

DISTRICT & CONFERENCE NEWS

WNCCUMC FROM BISHOP CARTER

Bishop Carter Announces a Virtual Special Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference

In accordance with Paragraph 603.5 of the 2016 Book of Discipline and Rule 32 of the WNCC Rules of Order, Bishop Ken Carter is calling a Special Executive Session of Clergy Members at



9:00am and a Special Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference at **10AM**, to be held on **Sat., May 6, 2023**. Both meetings will be held virtually.

The sole purpose of the called executive session of clergy members is to vote on clergy withdrawals. The sole purpose of the called session is to vote on the WNC Conference Board of Trustees' recommendations for churches choosing to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church through the authorized process outlined in Paragraph 2553. Business will include Delegate Voting: At the 2023 WNC Annual Conference meeting, there will be lay delegate elections for the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference meetings scheduled in 2024. Laity will elect 2 or 3 lay delegates, as well as 3 reserve delegates, to fill openings that occurred because of lay member resignations since 2019 when the original elections took place.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Lake Junaluska Annual Plant Sale and the Corneille Bryan Native Garden plant sale will be held together on **Sat., May 6**, from **8 AM to 2 PM** at the open-air Nanci Weldon Memorial Gym.

More than 2,500 plants are expected to be available at the sale, including annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants and a small section of hybrid roses.

Plants range in price from \$2 to \$35 and can be purchased by cash, check, or charge. Proceeds from the plant sale directly support landscaping at Lake Junaluska, where the grounds and gardens are open for all to enjoy and made possible through charitable giving.

Also at the sale will be several varieties of plants from the Corneille Bryan Native Garden. Proceeds from the sale of native plants will specifically benefit the Corneille Bryan Native Garden.

PASSAGES & CELEBRATIONS

THANKSGIVINGS

Dear friends,

Thank you for helping celebrate my 90th birthday. The many cards, telephone calls, visits, flowers, fruit, candy, and personal items were overwhelming. I love Christ and each of my church family!

Charlotte Clodfelter

Thank you's for Holy Week & Easter – To these folks who worked behind the scenes to make it happen! Laurie Bujdoso & Laszlo Bujdoso, Ruth Gaddy, Charles Groome, Heather Keiser, Ted Meadows, Wendy Parker, Melanie Robertson & Mark Robertson, "Joe Rob" Robinson, Glen Shults & Linda Vesperey, Maxine Schrader, Jeremy Walton, Robert Zachary, Jason & Dwight.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Since the dedication and the name plate sign has been installed, the Memorial Garden is now ready. The church office has a form available to order the name plate for the loved one. The fee for the name plate is \$200. Please contact the church office for more information and to obtain the form.

PRAYER LIST

Praise for the changing season; natural disasters; for the unemployed; the "others" in our community; for our city & county leaders; our state and national leaders, our church leaders, and all in positions of public trust.

For those in our congregation in need of God's healing: Hal Alexander; Enoch Ball; Taylor Biggers; Oris Crout; Jimmy & Barbara Davis; Tony Hooker; Jerry Lyda; Betty & Bob Mull; Tom & Mary Ann Patelidas; Larry Scholtz; Maxine Schrader; Barbara Smith; Hal Starnes.

For family members & friends of our congregation: Lisa Boone (John & Janice Nelson's daughter); Dennis Carpenter (Cathie G. Carpenter's husband), Andrea Cook's cancer patients; Erika Glasbrook Dietrich (Angela Waldroup's cousin); Rebecca Dotson (Mary Ann Patelidas' great niece); Toli, Jackie, & Tim Georgoulis (family of Cheryl Samoville); Jenifer Johnston (Nancy D Walton's friend) Tiffany Leger (Maxine Schrader's step great niece); Daryl Lyda (Betty Mull's son); Deb McCarson (Anne Cogburn's friend); Denny Teal (Anne Cogburn's friend); Bobby & Sue Walton (Ellen Mitchell brother/sister-in-law); those struggling with mental illness & faith; unspoken joys & concerns.

Please send your joys, requests & <u>updates</u> to the Church Office, <u>tumcnc@yahoo.com</u> or call.

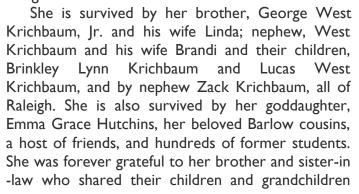
PASSINGS

The members of Trinity United Methodist Church send our sympathy to the families of church members:

JENNIE LYNN KRICHBAUM (16 JUL 1953 ~ 18 MAR 2023)

Jennie Lynn Krichbaum, 69, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023, at CarePartners Solace.

Jennie was born July 16, 1953, in Asheville to the late George West Krichbaum, Sr. and Marguerite Barlow Krichbaum.



with her and she always felt blessed to love and to be loved by the people who touched her life.

Jennie was educated in the Asheville City School System and graduated from UNC-Asheville in 1975 with a B.A. degree in Psychology and a Teaching Certificate for grades K-9.

Upon graduation, she had the very good fortune to begin her career as an educator and "Roadrunner" at Pisgah Elementary School in Candler, where she spent 33 years as a full-time classroom teacher - retired - and returned to Pisgah for nine more years as a half-time teacher assistant. To help her students (who often called her Miss K. or Miss Krichie) reach their potential, she provided love, encouragement, support, a great sense of humor, and funny costumes for every school event. She could recognize and recall their faces, names, and family members years later. She exemplified the best of professionalism, dedication, compassion, and commitment. Her legacy is truly found throughout the Upper Hominy Community with generations of families and children she dearly loved. She was a mentor to many new teachers at the school and tried to inspire them to be their best selves.

Jennie was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church in West Asheville and was actively involved in many aspects of the church life through the years. She also had a close connection with Davis Chapel UMC (with her good buddy – Barbara Burnette) and Pleasant Hill UMC (with her sweet neighbor and friend – Judy Shuler), both located in Candler.

Her family would like to thank the special friends and neighbors who provided support and comfort for Jennie during her illness, with a special acknowledgment for the wonderful caring and companionship provided by great friend – Suellen Moseley – to whom we will always be grateful.

A funeral service was held on Fri., Mar. 24, at 2 PM in the Patton Avenue chapel of Groce Funeral Home with the Revs. Rodney H. Hagans, Jr. and Nancy Dixon Walton and Pastor Eric Hill officiating. Interment followed at Pisgah View Memorial Park, Candler.

Her family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

The service was livestreamed on Friday.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, Jennie requested



that you create an opportunity to make a positive lasting impact on the life of a child.

OUR MEMBERS & STAFF IN ACTION!

Sat., May 13, 3PM, at Lipinsky Auditorium (UNCA Campus) & Sun., May 14, 3PM, at Diana Wortham Theatre. The Blue Ridge Orchestra, of which Eric Sands principal cellist is a member, plans to wrap up this season with a program paying homage to the ever-famous Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!

Sun. June 4, 5PM at First United Methodist Church, Waynesville, NC, the Haywood Choral Society, of which Patricia Sands and Lee Thomas are members, is presenting their Spring concert featuring Ralph Vaughn Williams masterpiece, Toward the Unknown Region, and more!

SOME RECENT EVENTS AT TRINITY UMC

Our Maundy Thursday Arboretum Garden Lunch & Reflection





From our Good Friday Prayer Walk with Calvary Baptist Church friends (held

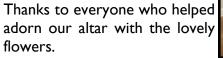
inside Trinity due to weather!)

From our Easter Sunrise Service, with special guest musician, Robert Zachary:





Did you know that the Easter Bunny came by during our Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast? Thank you to all who came and especially our







On Sat., Mar. 25, over 100 people came to the Restored Dreams Art Show, hosted by our friend Joe Rob! It was a d e lightful



gathering of artists, including live musicians, Dustin's Deep Time Coffee, hors d'oeuvres from 12 Baskets and Gene Ettison, and genuine fellowship. There are a few pieces still for sale in the Fellowship Hall!



We had a lovely gathering for our Apr. Wed. Trinity Table hosting guest artist Brent Vernon & Sam!



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